

## REMARKS

In the Office Action the Examiner noted that claims 1-14 were pending in the application. The Examiner allowed claims 5 and 10 while rejecting claims 1-4, 6-9 and 11-13. By this Amendment, claims 1, 6 and 11-13 have been cancelled and various claims have been amended. Thus, claims 2-5 and 7-10 remain pending in the application. The Examiner's rejections are traversed below.

### Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103

In the Office Action, claims 1-4 and 6-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Gamo et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,843,203) in view of Ohashi in Japanese Patent No. 4-105,820 and Inoue in Japanese Patent No. 63-120,030. The rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

As indicated above, rejected claim 1 has been cancelled. Further, dependent claims 2-4 have been amended so that they now depend from allowed claim 5. Therefore, it is submitted that claims 2-4 are in condition for allowance. As indicated above, claims 6-11 and 13 have also been cancelled. Dependent claims 7-9 have been amended so that they now depend from allowed claim 10. Therefore, it is submitted that claims 7-9 should now be in condition for allowance.

### Entry of Amendment

In view of the fact that the subject amendment cancels rejected claims and amends all dependant claims so that they now depend from the two allowed claims (claims 5 and 10), it is submitted that these amendments should place the application in condition for allowance without additional search or consideration. Therefore, it is submitted that the subject amendment should be entered in the case.

Conclusion

In accordance with the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding objections and rejections have been overcome and/or rendered moot. And further, that all pending claims (claims 2-5 and 7-10) patentably distinguish over the prior art. Thus, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, the application is submitted as being in condition for allowance which action is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any remaining issues to be addressed, it is believed that prosecution can be expedited by the Examiner contacting the undersigned attorney for a telephone interview to discuss resolution of such issues.

If there are any underpayments or overpayments of fees associated with the filing of this Amendment, please charge and/or credit the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

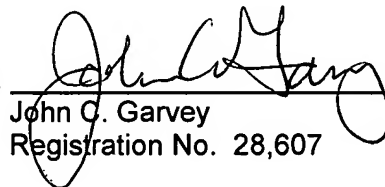
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